

Ill Health Blamed for Local Suicide

Dependancy over ill health was said to have caused the suicide of Elmen Hinton, 45, of 4335 W. 179th St., Torrance.

Hinton hung himself with cotton rope in the garage of his home. His body was found by his wife, Johnie, at 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23. Before hanging himself, he wrote a note to his widow, "Good-by, Sweetheart, sorry to have been so much trouble," is an excerpt from the note.

According to the police report, this was Hinton's third suicide attempt.

The funeral was held at Pierce Brothers Mortuary in Inglewood 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 26. The body was shipped to Coggon, Iowa, the native home of Hinton.

Having lived in Torrance for the last nine months, Hinton was employed by a bank in Inglewood before his death. He had lived in West Los Angeles before moving to Torrance. He has lived in California for the past 10 years.

Surviving relatives include his widow, Mrs. Johnie Hinton; son, Paul, 10 years; of Torrance parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hinton, of Coggon, Iowa; sister, Mrs. Florence Ondler; and brothers, Lyle, Earl, Wayne, and Cecil, all of Iowa.

Move For Court

(Continued from Page One) only 1201 cases during the year.

A public hearing on the establishment of the Court Districts is slated before the Board of Supervisors on March 7, at 2:30 p.m., and Mayors, City Managers, City Councils, Presiding Judges of the Municipal Courts and Justices of the Peace have been invited to attend and comment on Allen's suggested program.

Second busiest court in the South Bay Area is in the West portion, Hermosa Beach, with a total load of 6297 cases in 1949-50. Even Redondo Beach compares with Gardena Justice court, with 5339 cases that year.

Traffic cases make up a majority of all cases in all courts, including Justice court.

Allen in his report to the Supervisors said the Torrance-South Bay-Gardena court would not be set up until January, 1953, because there are more judges in the superceded courts than judgeships established in the new district.

During the interim period existing inferior courts will continue to operate. He said: "possible alternate districts have been considered. The present plan calls for one 2-judge Municipal Court District in the South Bay Area. This area has a population of 137,437, and an actual case load of 31,965, and a weighted case load of 25,803. The average population per judge is 68-719.

"An alternate proposal would be the division of this district into two East and West districts, each with one judge. The Bay cities would be included in the West District and the cities of Gardena and Torrance — with unincorporated township area, would be included in the East District. This division would establish a population of 65,000 for the West District and a population of 71,738 for the East District. The case load in each of the districts would be approximately one-half of the total case load in the entire South Bay Area.

Consideration of the proposed new courts Building in a central location - Alondra Park, has been considered in the recommendation for one district."

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"How simple this is; everybody should do it."

Wise decisions are never made in haste. Call Stone & Myers, Torrance, 195, now. It may be the most important call you will ever make.

Personnel for Police Dept. Hired by City

Approved by the City Council Tuesday night on recommendation of City Manager George Stevens were the employment of two police officers and a police matron-file clerk.

Albert Winkler was appointed to serve his probationary period as a police officer, effective Feb. 19, 1951, at a compensation set for as the first step for the position.

Carol Lee Wright was appointed to serve her probationary period as police matron and file clerk, effective Feb. 16, 1951, at a compensation set forth as the first step for the position.

Employed as a war emergency police officer, effective Feb. 10, 1951, at a compensation of \$285 per month was Nolan F. Robinson. Robinson served the city for two years during the last war emergency.

Council 'Deaf'

(Continued from Page One) However, to fail to take action on the rat question is having the reverse effect, as is out of the Council's attitude on the closing of the dump.

DRAL'S STATEMENT
Drale said: "At the request of several residents in the Kettler Knolls area, I have made a personal investigation of the City Dump, the private dump adjoining and of the general conditions surrounding the dumps.

"As a city official serving the needs of the people, I must say that I was astounded at what I found. I had no idea conditions such as I found there existed, in Torrance.

"Therefore, out of consideration for the people in the area involved, in the interest of the health of the children living nearby, and in the interest of the public convenience, health and safety, I move that the City Attorney and the City Manager take immediate steps to:

"1. Condemn by court action the filthy dump known as the brick pit on Plaza del Amo just east of Border Avenue, fill it with non-combustible refuse which will not attract rats and other vermin, and utilize the filled property for recreation.

"2. Close down and cease operations entirely on the property known as the City Dump at Western Avenue and Plaza del Amo, filling all holes now existing with dirt on hand — at once, and permitting no further digging.

"3. Make such arrangements as are necessary to lease a Standard Oil sump, sufficiently distant that it will not constitute a health menace for dump use.

"I think the city should adopt a policy that the health and welfare of the people comes ahead of the convenience and economic benefit of the municipality as a fiscal agent for the people."

Be free from drudgery. Hire a good maid through a Torrance Press Help Wanted Ad.

Local Artists To Appear At Assn. Concert

The San Pedro Philharmonic and Artist Association, continuing policy of encouraging resident artists by affording opportunity for recital, will present Betty Robinson, violinist, and Donald Carter, in concert at Leland Street school auditorium, 2120 South Leland street, San Pedro, on Friday evening, March 9th, at 8:30 p.m.

Among resident artists already presented by the Association are Bernard Karn, violinist; Miss Maralin Dice, soprano; Mrs. Milton Asher, pianist; Miss Marilyn Woodruff, violinist; Miss Dorothy Searcy, pianist; Arnold R. Niki, trumpet; Mrs. Dorothea Stewart, pianist, and Richard Norris, pianist.

Miss Robinson, a graduate of the University of Southern California School of Music with a master's degree in violin in 1947, has studied with Anton Maas-koff, well-known international violinist-teacher. She has played violin and viola with the Hancock Ensemble. She is now teaching at Dana Junior High school and Roosevelt Evening school.

Mr. Carter is a graduate of the University of Southern California and has studied under John Crown and Nadia Reisenberg in piano. Ernest Kanitz and Roger Sessions have been his mentors in composition. Several compositions are listed to his credit. He also is a teacher of music in the public schools.

Ushers for the concert have been selected from band and orchestra students of Miss Robinson's classes at Dana will be Lewis Brown, Roland Holland, Gary Norton, Tony St. John, Kenneth Zieg and Robert Zetterberg.

The concert will be open to all without admission fee.

"Does California have a 'reckless driving law'? The answer is "Yes!" Under the California Vehicle Code (Section 505) any person who drives on the highway in "wilful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property" is a reckless driver. Sentences for this offense range to six months in jail, \$500 fine, or both.

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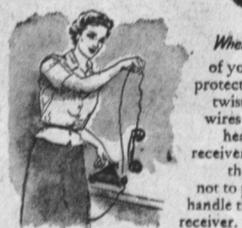
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Pacific Telephone

Local Youths

(Continued from Page One) for Japan.

Also ordered to duty in Japan is the 45th National Guard division of Oklahoma.

HALF OF STRENGTH

The California 40th and the Oklahoma divisions were two of the four guard divisions and two regimental combat teams which received federalization orders in August and entered the service in September. The other two divisions then called were the 28th of Pennsylvania and the 43rd of Vermont - Connecticut - Rhode Island. Last month two more divisions were brought into federal service—the 31st of Alabama-Mississippi and 47th of Minnesota-North Dakota.

Although none of the guard divisions are believed to have completed fully their training, the army apparently has decided that at least some of them can be used for non-combat duty overseas. There they can complete training and filling out their ranks and be available later for actual combat duty if needed.

The Garrison of the regular army occupation forces in Japan was stripped months ago in order to hurry combat forces to the Korean war.

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Two Torrance Men Promoted At Camp Cooke

CAMP COOKE — Two Torrance soldiers, serving with Southern California's 40th Infantry Division, have been promoted in grade, it was announced by Lt. Col. Dallas I. Downs, commander of the 578th Engineer Battalion.

Rafael P. Estalano, 231 Arlington, was promoted to sergeant, and Gary L. Dawson, 1906 Plaza Del Amo, was advanced to the rank of corporal.

The 578th Engineer Battalion, headquartered in Torrance before the 40th was activated last September 1, is currently engaged in advanced unit training at Camp Cooke. The battalion, along with all other 40th units, has reached peak strength with the arrival of thousands of fillers from throughout the United States.

According to Emily Post's "Motor Manners" any simpleton can hold an accelerator down. One of the real tests of a good driver, says the Los Angeles Police Department, is his ability to wisely adjust velocity to road conditions. Good drivers slow down in rainy weather as well as at night.

Building

(Continued from Page One) and Marcelina Aves. by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Expansion of the Doak Aircraft Co. plant at 22309 Western Ave. is indicated in permits issued for two large additions worth an aggregate of \$83,600. The additions are to permit increased production activities, company officials stated. The firm is engaged in the manufacture of airplane parts.

Adding another hunk to last month's building permit total were the \$176,000 worth of permits issued to the Torrance Unified School District for the Greenwood Avenue School. Included in this total were permits for three separate school buildings at 1520 Greenwood Ave.

A \$25,000 permit was also issued to the American Rock Wool Company for the installation of a sprinkler system.

2 Hurt in Collision

(Continued from Page One) paper went to press. Improving, Hodgins, suffered a cerebral concussion, lacerations of the head and leg and contusions of the left hip.

Hodgins is employed at the Montrose Chemical Company, 20201 So. Normandie, Torrance. The accident occurred at about 3:55 p.m.

Swayne Johnson On U. S. S. Dixie

Now serving on the U.S.S. Dixie, repair ship of the U.S. Navy is Swayne Johnson, 1726 1/2 Martina ave., Torrance police sergeant on military leave.

Ten years in the Torrance police force, Johnson left for active naval duty Feb. 12, 1951.

Jim Neal

(Continued from Page One) of Moberly, Missouri; aunts, Mrs. Mary Susan Dysart of Lynwood, California and Mary Summers of Macon, Missouri; uncles, Jeff Neal, of Macon, Missouri, Ray Moore of Brunswick, Missouri, Lee Moore, of New Cambria, Missouri, and Oscar Neal of Kirksville, Missouri.

Pallbearers for the funeral are James Lynch, A. Fredericks, Bill Crotty, J. Holmes, J. Yeltama, and F. Wheeler.

Bellwood In Lead

(Continued from Page One) and receiving the 750 point bonus this week was Donna Fuller.

Vote results released by Zoeller are as follows:
Zola Bellwood 14,202
Pat Merola 12,881
Dona Fuller 10,698
Sandy Gulbranson 10,001
Dorothy Sandstrom 7,655
Shirley York 6,251
Alice Gargalis

The queen of the 1951 Miss Torrance contest will be coronated 8 p.m., April 7 at the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

Sponsored by the Junior Women's Club, all money raised by the contest will be contributed toward the YWCA building, already under construction at the corner of Carson St. and Plaza Del Amo. The club during the five years which they have sponsored this contest have raised \$11,000 toward the project.

Chairman for the Miss Torrance of 1951 contest is Miss Mary Schultz.

Too many drivers are victims of motor age split-personalities, report traffic safety experts. Ordinarily kind and courteous, drivers too often leave these good characteristics at the curb when they climb behind the wheel. Suggests the Los Angeles Police Department — carry "polite courtesy" into your automobile when you drive!

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